REMARKS

In response to the Official Action of August 20, 2008, claims 1-3, 5-16, 18-30, and 33-39 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 15, 30, and 39 have been amended in a manner which is believed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

At pages 2-9, claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, 18-30, 33, and 37-39 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable in view of US patent 6,309,305, Kraft, in view of US patent 6,005,928, Johnson. With respect to claim 1, the Office asserts that Kraft teaches a method for transferring data from a source application to a target application containing the actions recited in claim 1, except that Kraft does not explicitly teach tracing the latest operation relating to the source application automatically right after said operation has occurred. The office asserts that Johnson teaches tracing a latest communication relating to a source application automatically right after said operation has occurred, that Johnson's invention does not require the user to explicitly select a copy command to trace the operation, but rather Johnson's invention will automatically trace the operation and place the relevant information into the clipboard right after the operation has occurred, for pasting into a target application. The Office proceeds to argue that it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to automatically trace communications as taught by Johnson in the intelligent copy and paste application taught by Kraft in order to eliminate the step of looking up relevant information from another application, copying the information, and then pasting it into the target application.

For the reasons set forth below, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, is not suggested by Kraft in view of Johnson.

More particularly, Kraft discloses a phone, which has a working storage that holds data and programs used in a plurality of applications. It further discloses storage means acting as a clipboard when copying and pasting data from one application to another. Via the keyboard of the phone, data contained in one application may be selected for copying to a clipboard. The CPU of the phone identifies predetermined types of sub-items in the contents

of the data copied to the clipboard. When pasting, said types of sub-items may be displayed for individual pasting from the clipboard into the position in said another application appointed by the pasting command (Kraft, Abstract). The method disclosed in Kraft is such that a complete message may be manually copied, after which the content of the message is analyzed and certain items are provided to be pasted (Kraft, Figure 3, and column 4, lines 38-65). For example, message content including text, a phone number, and a date is copied after a user has manually selected a copy command. When the user enters an address book and selects the paste command, the system is able to provide the phone number from the copied message. However, if the user enters a calendar, the paste command would provide date data from the copied message (Kraft, column 5, line 64 through column 6, line 13, and Figure 6).

Johnson discloses an automatic tracing of an operation, wherein an identifier relating to the operation (that is, a caller's identification) is determined by means of which information relating to that identifier can be accessed and copied/pasted into a different context. For example, a caller of an incoming call is determined and by means of which an e-mail address of the caller is determined and used when creating an e-mail (Johnson, Abstract and column 1, line 54 through column 2, line 16).

Neither Kraft nor Johnson discloses or suggests a centralized copy/paste functionality where different items from different operations and from various source applications are listed together. It is therefore apparent that a combination of Kraft and Johnson does not provide the functionality by which different items from different operations and from various source applications are listed together. As an example, in the centralized clipboard disclosed in the present application, items from received messages, incoming calls, and calendar markings are automatically stored into the same place. Thus, it is noticed that the clipboard according to the present invention may store items from different sources, such as a received SMS-message and a received call at the same time so that operations from multiple source applications can be traced and recorded.

In order to emphasize this feature of the present invention, claim 1 has been amended to particularly point out and claim that the action of recording said item automatically into a list

of traced and recorded items in a file, said list comprising traced and recorded items from various source applications. This amendment to claim 1 corresponds to the subject matter pointed out by the Office in the first paragraph of the Response to Arguments section of the Office Action. Support for this amendment is found in the original application as filed, including Figure 5 and page 9, line 1 through page 10, table 1.

Since both Kraft and Johnson fail to disclose such a feature, it is respectfully submitted that the method for transferring data from a source application to a target application as recited in amended claim 1 is distinguished over Kraft in view of Johnson.

Independent device claim 15, independent computer program product claim 30, and independent device claim 39 have each been amended in a manner similar to claim 1 and, for similar reasons, each of these independent claims is also distinguished over the cited art.

Since each of the independent claims of the present application is believed to be distinguished over the cited art, it is respectfully submitted that dependent claims 2-3, 5-9, 11-14, 16, 18-29, 33, 37, and 38 are also distinguished over Kraft in view of Johnson at least in view of such dependency.
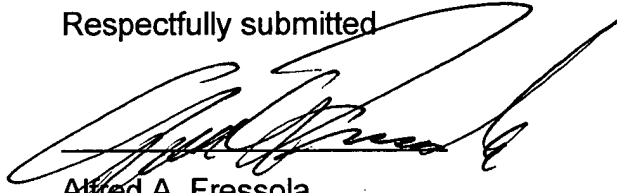
Similarly, dependent claim 10 (rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Kraft and Johnson further in view of US patent 6,983,328, Beged-Dov, et al), claims 34 and 35 (rejected under 35 USC §103(a) in view of Kraft and Johnson further in view of US patent application publication 2006/0155811, Goh, et al), and claim 36 (rejected under 35 USC §103(a) in view of Kraft and Johnson further in view of US patent application publication 2005/0028008, Kumar) are also distinguished over the cited art at least in view of their dependency from independent claims which are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application as amended is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

The undersigned respectfully submits that no fee is due for filing this Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account 23-0442 any fee deficiency required to submit this paper.

Respectfully submitted

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